

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed 7/26/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-10.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 12/15/03 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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DETAILED ACTION

Amendment

1. Receipt is acknowledged of the Amendment filed July 26, 2004.

Remarks

2. The previous office action dated June 7, 2004, indicated that claims 1-10 would be allowable upon the correction of the objections to claims 1 and 8. With the current amendment, claims 1 and 8 have been amended. Therefore claims 1-10 are now in condition for allowance.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1-10 are allowable over prior art.
4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The best prior art of record, taken alone or in combination, fails to specifically teach or fairly suggest the method for reconstructing global geometry of a two-dimensional barcode susceptible to geometrical distortion, disclosed in the current invention. Although prior art has teachings of methods for overcoming distortion of a two-dimensional barcode, the prior art taken of record fails to teach each of the specific and detailed limitations of the claimed method for reconstructing global geometry of a two-dimensional barcode susceptible to geometrical distortion. The barcode of the claimed invention has a two-dimensional pattern composed of a plurality of contrasting polygons and comprises a plurality of common corners, which are located at different locations within the two-dimensional pattern. Each of the common corners are defined by a group of the contrasting polygons located adjacent to each other. The actual method for

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reconstructing is discussed next. One of the features of the method include, acquiring an image of at least a part of the two-dimensional pattern and comparing at least a portion of the acquired image with at least one template pattern for finding a match between the acquired image and the template pattern. More specifically, each of the at least one template pattern comprises a group of contrasting sections located adjacent to each other defining at least one further common corner. Another feature of the method includes, locating a number of common vertices within the two-dimensional pattern based on the further common corner. A further feature of the method includes obtaining a plurality of distances between the located common corner, and determining the linearity of at least a portion of the two-dimensional pattern based on the obtained distances in order to reconstruct global geometry of the barcode.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Allyson N. Trail whose telephone number is (571) 272-2406. The examiner can normally be reached between the hours of 7:30AM to 4:00PM Monday thru Friday.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael G. Lee, can be reached on (571) 272-2398. The fax phone number for this Group is (703) 872-9306.

Communications via Internet e-mail regarding this application, other than those under 35 U.S.C. 132 or which otherwise require a signature, may be used by the applicant and should be addressed to [allyson.trail@uspto.gov].

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